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SUBJECT: OPRED - PROPOSAL TO EXPAND OVERSEAS STAFF OF
INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE

1. EMBASSY APPRECIATES DEPARTMENT HAVING RAISED
SECURITY PROBLEM WITH IRS REGARDING THEIR DESIRE
ESTABLISH REGIONAL OFFICE BEIRUT. ALTHOUGH
SECURITY SITUATION HERE HAS IMPROVED SOMEWHAT, IT
STILL REMAINS UNCERTAIN. MUCH DEPENDS ON PROGRESS OUR
PEACE-MAKING EFFORT AND PARTICULARLY THE GENEVA CONFER-
ENCE. IT IS NOT TIME TO INCREASE STAFF. CONSEQUENTLY,
WE WOULD PREFER DEFER DECISION ON ESTABLISHMENT IRS
OFFICE BEIRUT UNTIL PEACE-MAKING LITTLE MORE ADVANCED
AND PROSPECTS A BIT CLEARER.

2. REGARDING OTHER ASPECTS IRS OFFICE SHOULD IT BE
ESTABLISHED AT LATER DATE, EMBASSY FORESEES NO
PROBLEM WITH HOST GOVERNMENT OTHER THAN DUTY-FREE
IMPORTATION AUTOMOBILES WHICH WOULD BE POSSIBLE UNDER
PRESENT PROCEDURES ONLY IF IRS PERSONNEL HOLD DIPLOMATIC
PASSPORTS. OFFICE SPACE AND OTHER SAS CONSIDERATIONS
WOULD PRESENT NO PROBLEM IN PRESENT CHANCERY BUILD-
ING, BUT NEW BUILDING NOW UNDER CONSTRUCTION AND
SCHEDULED FTA COMPLETION APRIL 1976 DOES NOT, OF
COURSE, INCLUDE SPACE FOR AN IRS OPERATION. AVAIL-
ABILITY IRS SPACE NEW BUILDING WOULD SEEM DEPEND ON
POSSIBLE REDUCTION OTHER AREAS BETWEEN NOW AND APRIL
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